

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 11-220524 (Toshiaki). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are now patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 3, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... a bell signal detector ...

... said light source emits a first color light ... when said bell signal detector detects the bell signal ...

... said light source emits a third color light ... when the caller information detected by said information detector coincides with a telephone number registered in a group.

This feature is supported by the originally filed application at page 10, lines 6-15. No new matter has been added.

Thus, in accordance with Applicants' claimed invention, when the bell signal detector detects a bell signal, the light source of a telephone apparatus lights up the first color light. Thus, a user can visually identify the incoming call upon receiving the call.

In telephone lines (e.g. analog telephone lines), caller information may be inserted between bell signals.

In accordance with Applicants' claim 3, when the bell signal detector detects a bell signal, the first color light is illuminated. After the bell signal has been received, detected caller information can be compared with telephone numbers stored in the memory. Thus, if the caller information coincides with a telephone number stored in the memory, a second color light can be illuminated.

Furthermore, if the caller information corresponds with a telephone number registered in a group, a third color light can be illuminated.

Thus, if the caller information does not coincide with a telephone number stored in the memory and the caller information does not coincide with a telephone number registered in a group, illumination of the first color light is maintained. Thus, a user can recognize that an incoming telephone number does not correspond with either a number stored in memory or a number registered with a group.

Based upon the above, the user has enough information so that the user, if they choose, can refuse to take the call.

The telephone apparatus disclosed in Toshiaki is not connected to telephone lines (e.g. analog telephone lines) which can receive a bell signal. Accordingly, Toshiaki neither discloses nor suggests the feature of a light which lights up when a bell signal is detected before caller information is received. For this reason, claim 3 is patentable over Toshiaki.

The remaining claims are all patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 3.

Claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uyeno (U.S. Patent No. 5,946,636) in view of Toshiaki. Uyeno, however, also does not disclose Applicants' claimed feature of a bell detector. Accordingly, claim 3 (and claims dependent thereon) are also patentable over Uyeno.

Claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uyeno in view of Hisami (JP 10-145475). Hisami, however, also does not disclose Applicants' claimed feature of a bell detector. Accordingly, Applicants' claims are patentable over the combination of references (including Hisami) for the reasons set forth above.

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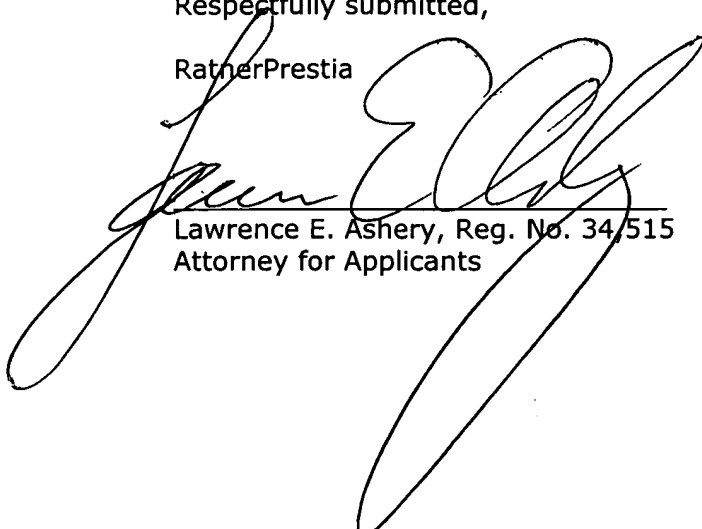
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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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